

## our Thunder Bay office

The Northwestern Ontario Planning Region of the Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs embraces the districts of Kenora, Rainy River and Thunder Bay.

The regional office is located in Thunder Bay. Its main function has been to provide assistance to municipal councilors and staff and this role will be increased with new government programs for northern development and the establishment of local government in small communities in unorganized territories.

Our staff in Thunder Bay will also be involved in the Ontario Government's regional priority program and the federal-provincial programs for regional economic development in Northwestern Ontario.

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## **Deconcentration: a policy tailored for Ontario's needs**

The Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs is responsible for fiscal, economic, regional and intergovernmental policies of the Government of Ontario.

To fulfill our responsibilities, we work closely with other ministries and agencies of the provincial government, other governments in Canada, the municipalities of Ontario and individual citizens.

Traditionally our services have been provided from Queen's Park, but the diversity of Ontario along with the range of our ministry's interests and the different groups we serve has led to a program of deconcentration of ministry resources and staff to offices in the five planning regions into which Ontario has been divided.

They are Eastern, Central, Western, Northeastern and Northwestern and they permit the government to develop policies and programs to meet the needs of specific areas.

When he announced deconcentration in September 1973, Treasurer John White said it will allow "local decisions to be made on the spot by senior staff who are in continuing consultation with local governments."

Coupled with deconcentration is a program of decentralization under which local municipal councils are given increased authority to make decisions on local issues without requiring special approval from Queen's Park.

## the Northwestern Ontario region

